

Community Issues and Indicators

Based on concurrence in county and regional report card indicators and selection of Hamilton County trends going in the wrong direction and/or worse than the national average

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1. Population loss and community attractiveness

- Population change (-1% / year in HC, 2000 to 2005)
(Population loss of about 8,000 persons per year in HC since 2000)
(Population loss of 119,000 persons in HC, 1970 to 2005)

2. Poverty and financial independence

- percent of persons in poverty – residents having incomes below the federally-defined poverty level (11.5% in HC in 2003)
- median family income (\$59,539 (+/- \$2,937) in HC in 2005)
- per capita income (\$39,467 in HC in 2004)

3. Job loss and business retention / attraction

- percent change in jobs (0.0% in HC in 2003-2004)
- percent change in total employment (0.0% in HC in 2003-2004)
- unemployment rate – percent of employable people actively seeking work, divided by the total number of employable people (11.5% in HC in 2003)
- total business establishments (23,581 in HC in 2004)
- ratio of jobs to labor force (1.53 in HC in 2004)

4. Young workforce loss

- percent of our local working-age population age 20-35 (36.9% in Cincinnati CMSA in 2005)

5. Infant mortality

- infant mortality rates -- number of deaths in a year of children less than one year of age, per 1,000 live births (9.5 in HC in 2003)
- low birth weight – percentage of children weighing less than 2,500 grams (88 ounces at birth) (9.7 in HC in 2002)

6. Obesity

- percentage of individuals whose reported height and weight create a Body Mass Index indicating obesity. (58.7 in HC suburbs in 2005)

7. Crime and public safety

- murder rate per 100,000 population in a given year (3.1 in HC in 2004)
- violent crimes – number of arrests for violent crime per 100,000 population in a given year (114.9 in HC in 2004)
- non-violent crimes – number of arrests for non-violent crime per 100,000 residents in a given year (529.8 in HC in 2004)

8. Education quality

- high school graduation rates (83.3% 2005)

9. Segregation and racism

- Tauber Index of Dissimilarity – measures segregation on a 0-to-1-scale, with the higher number indicating higher levels of segregation between two groups, in this case Caucasians and African Americans. (0.681 in HC in 2000)

Source: 2005 U.S. Census Estimates; 2005 American Community Survey; 2004 Regional Economic Information System (Reis); United Way of Greater Cincinnati – State of The Community Report; Hamilton County Report Card; Center for Disease Control and Prevention; Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati, Greater Cincinnati Community Health Status Survey; FBI Uniform Crime Report

HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO Socio-Economic Trends

Based on 2006 Report by United Way of Greater Cincinnati on
The State of the Community: A Report on the Socio-Economic Health of the Greater Cincinnati Region

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Community Indicator	Hamilton County Trends	Regional Comparison to U.S. (15-county Cincinnati CMSA)
1) Population		
• Percent Population Change	Better (less decline)	At U.S. average
• Race	Better (more diverse)	<i>Below U.S. average</i>
• Ethnicity (Hispanic)	Better (more diverse)	<i>Below U.S. average</i>
2) Children and Youth		
• Infant Mortality Rate	Better	<i>Worse than U.S.</i>
• Low Birth Weight	<i>Worse</i>	At U.S. average
• Early Childhood School Readiness		
• Grade-Level Assessment Tests (Math)	Better	
• High School Graduation rates		
3) Educational Attainment		
• Percent of College Age Persons Attending College		At U.S. average
• Enrollment count of Local Colleges and Universities		
• Years of Education for Persons Age 25+		Near U.S. average
4) Health		
• Health Status Index (SF-12)	<i>Worse (Slightly)</i>	Near U.S. average
• Underage Substance Abuse		
• Percent of Adults Smoking	<i>Worse</i>	<i>Worse than U.S.</i>
• Air Quality		
• Overweight or Obese	<i>Worse</i>	<i>Slightly worse than U.S.</i>
• Percent Uninsured	<i>Worse</i>	
• Lack of Access to a Regular Health Care Provider	<i>Worse</i>	
5) Economy		
• Business Starts	<i>Worse</i>	
• Percent of Job Gain or Loss	Better (no job loss)	<i>Slightly worse than U.S.</i>
• Percent of Workforce 20-35 Years Old		<i>Slightly worse than U.S.</i>
• Per Capita Income	Better	<i>Slightly better than U.S.</i>
• Unemployment Rate	<i>Worse</i>	<i>Slightly worse than U.S.</i>
• Percent of Population in Poverty	<i>Worse</i>	Better than U.S.
• Housing Affordability Ratio	<i>Worse</i>	Better than U.S.

6) Social Relations		
• Average Commuting Time		Better than U.S.
• Residential Segregation		<i>Worse than U.S.</i>
• Race Relations		
• Violent Crime	Better	Better than U.S.
• Non-violent Crime	Better	<i>Worse than U.S.</i>
• Murder Rate	Better	Better than U.S.
• Juvenile Crime	<i>Worse</i>	
• Voting	<i>Worse</i>	<i>Worse than U.S.</i>

More detailed information on key community indicators and critical trends in Hamilton County is available from the following reports, organizations, and websites:

- The State of the Community: A Report on the Socio-Economic Health of the Greater Cincinnati Region
United Way of Greater Cincinnati
<http://www.crc.uc.edu/>
- Hamilton County, Ohio – County Report Card
Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County)
http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/hc/bo/cc_report_card.asp
- Community COMPASS State of the County Reports
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission
<http://www.communitycompass.org/v2/reports/16/default.asp>
- Sustainable Cincinnati 2005
Sustainable Cincinnati
<http://www.sustainablecincinnati.org>
- Air Quality Data and Progress Report 2005
Hamilton County Air Quality Management Division
<http://www.hcdoes.org>
- Benchmarks for Progress, Hamilton County, Ohio
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission
<http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/hcrpc/>
- Cincinnati NIP (Neighborhood Indicator Project for Redevelopment)
Greater Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
<http://www.merusipartners.com/index.html>
- 2005 Greater Cincinnati Community Health Status Survey (GCCHSS) and Reports
The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati
www.healthfoundation.org/gcchss.html
- Indicators of Healthy Communities – for Greater Cincinnati 2006
Health Improvement Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati
<http://www.the-collaborative.org>
- Mortality Public Health Report 2002
Hamilton County General Health District, Division of Community Health Information Services
<http://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org>
- Sourcebook on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trends in Hamilton County
Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board, 2004
<http://www.hamilton-co.org/adas/Needs.htm>
- Child Well Being Survey 2005
Child Policy Research Center, Children's Hospital Medical Center
<http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/research/cores/cprc/>
- Data Center / Census Information Center
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission
http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/hcrpc/data_products/default.asp